

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-25 and 29-40 are currently pending, with claims 1, 25, 30, and 31 being independent. Claim 27 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

In the Ex Parte Quayle Action dated December 2, 2009, the Examiner correctly notes that claim 27 has been withdrawn based on the election filed on February 2, 2009. Therefore, withdrawn claim 27 has been cancelled.

All of the pending issues have been addressed. However, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment or cancellation of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment or cancellation. Since the amendments made herein have been made solely in an effort to expedite advancement of this case, the Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the rejected claims in further prosecution of this or related applications.

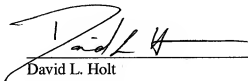
No other matters being raised, the Applicant submits that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this response, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative at the number set out below so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

No fees are believed to be due. Please apply charges not otherwise paid, or apply any credits to, deposit account 06 1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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